

CZAR IS ASKED TO FINISH MEN FOR SHORTAGE OF MUNITIONS

Duma Demands Prosecution of Those Criminally Responsible For Military Situation Regardless of Position.

Members Are Indignant That Lack of Ammunition Compelled Armies to Retire From Galicia and Warsaw

PETROGRAD, Aug. 3.—The Russian Duma today called upon the government to prosecute "those criminally responsible for the shortage of ammunition for the Russian armies, regardless of their position."

The demand was contained in a vigorous resolution, urging the government not to conclude peace with Russia's enemies, "until victory is complete."

Members who spoke in support of the resolution expressed their indignation that lack of ammunition had compelled the Russian armies to retire from Galicia and finally to prepare for the evacuation of Warsaw.

They expressed the conviction, however, that the existing shortcomings in the production of munitions will be speedily removed by the new department organized along lines similar to those laid down by the British and French.

Germans Throw 300,000 Men Against Railroad to Cut Line in Hard Drive

PETROGRAD, Aug. 3.—Three hundred thousand Germans, under General von Gallwitz, have begun a terrific drive southward in an attempt to cut the Warsaw-Petrograd railway by crossing the river Bug at Vysokof, thirty miles northeast of Warsaw.

Their aim is to seize the railway at Tluszcz, twenty miles northeast of Warsaw, and surround a part of the Russian armies still holding the salient around Warsaw.

Von Gallwitz is equipped with heavy guns of all calibers and has been supplied with fresh troops, presumably from the western battlefield. Evidently he has been ordered to batter in, by quick, smashing blows, the northern defenses to the capital and force the city's fall without further delay.

Plenty of Supplies.
The official dispatches today place the advance guards of this German force southeast of Olsaki, on the railway leading to Vysokof and thence over the Bug.

M'ADOO AND WILSON DISCUSS LEGISLATION

Matters of Revenue and Merchant Marine Among Topics Informally Talked About.

CORNISH, N. H., Aug. 3.—President Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo discussed a number of things today at Harlakenden House that probably will have bearing on the Administration's recommendations to the coming Congress.

McAdoo insisted he had not been summoned by the President, that the visit was purely social, the desire of Mrs. McAdoo to see her father being the principal cause for the flying out trip. However, he said matters of revenue and other legislative subjects were talked of in a brief discussion before 10:30 this morning, at which time he and his wife left for North Haven, Me., by automobile and train.

"The Democratic party is pledged to the providing of an American merchant marine," he said, "and I have no doubt that some bill to that end will be taken up at the next session of Congress. Personally I favor the ship purchase bill of the last session, but the measure may take some new form. There hasn't been time for replies to our inquiries sent the Latin-American countries regarding a shipping plan."

"We also have been considering a national budget plan to recommend to the next Congress."

Free Dancing at Great Falls, Va.—Advt.

REDUCTION IN SALOONS HERE DUE AS RESULT OF CONDITIONS

Business, Brewers' Strike, Cases Before Court, and High License Fees Forecast Fewer Applications.

First Day Brings Only Five Requests, As Against Fourteen One Year Ago—Four Recently Gave Up Certificate

Discouraged by business conditions and the large number of license cases before the courts, it is reported by those in close touch with the liquor business in the District, that there will be a decrease in the number of licenses in the District during the year beginning November 1.

Indications are that there will be less than 300 applications for barroom licenses, the maximum number allowed by law.

Four licensees have surrendered their licenses recently, reducing the number of barrooms to 296, and it is believed that the total number of applications for the next license year will not exceed 275.

REASONS FOR DECREASE.

The decrease, it is stated, is caused by a combination of conditions. Prosecutions instituted by the office of the Corporation Counsel against those operating under licenses granted by the Excise Board, the brewery strike, and increased license fees, have had a tendency to discourage the liquor men.

The law requires that applications for liquor licenses shall be filed not later than September 1.

Yesterday, the first day they were received, application was made for five barroom and two wholesale licenses. The number recorded on the first day last year was fourteen barroom and two wholesale.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$1,500 for a barroom and \$800 for a wholesale license.

The Anti-Saloon League has announced that, pending the decision of Court of Appeals in the saloon cases, request will be made for hearings before the Excise Board on a number of the applications.

NOW SHE ASKS THAT \$10,000 RETURNED

Secret Service Uncovers Clever Attempt to Lighten the Conscience Fund.

A clever attempt to recover from the Government the largest contribution to the conscience fund ever received at the Treasury, came to light today, when Secret Service agents branded as a fake, an unknown woman, who said the money had been sent by a half crazy and dying husband.

A letter from the woman was received shortly after announcement was made of the receipt of \$10,000 from New York city. The woman said that she was a resident of Rochester, that her husband had sent the money while he was crazy and seriously ill.

"He is now dying," she continued, "and I need the money, it is all that is left. Please return the money to me. No sound mind would do such a thing."

The letter was mailed on a railway train between Sterling and Peoria, Ill. It described the money, as the newpapers did, and asked that it be sent to Rochester.

The Rochester postmaster received a letter from the woman, saying that if any valuable mail was received for her to please forward it to Van Patten, Ill. The Van Patten postoffice received a letter from a man, who said that the woman was his wife, and asking that any valuable mail package received for her from Rochester be sent to Nelson, in care of a railway brakeman.

All these facts were uncovered by the Secret Service. The woman's name is being withheld. It is believed to be a fake one.

It was explained at the Treasury Department today that it would take an act of Congress to get the money out of the Treasury, after it has been "covered in" to the conscience fund.

Liner Cymric Safe.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 2.—The liner Cymric, from New York, arrived today.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFEREES ON MEXICO



Above, left to right, AMBASSADOR SUAREZ, of Chile; AMBASSADOR DA GAMA, of Brazil; AMBASSADOR NAON, of Argentine Republic. Below, left to right, MINISTER MENDEZ, of Guatemala; MINISTER DE PENA, of Uruguay, and MINISTER CALDERON, of Bolivia.

TWELVE CANDIDATES FOR CLAIMS COURT

Dozen Enter Race For Judgeship Declined By Former Congressman Palmer.

Twelve candidates have appeared for the vacant Judgeship on the Court of Claims which was recently offered to former Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer and refused. The candidates who have been endorsed thus far are: Solicitor John B. Dunsmore, of the Department of Commerce, former Congressman James M. Gudgeon, of North Carolina; Horace Vandevanter, clerk of the Knoxville, Tenn., United States District Court; Judge Meade Vestal, of Nobleville, Ind.; former Congressman John H. Rothermel, of Pennsylvania; Judge Frank M. Marriot, of Delaware, Ohio; Judge Hugh T. Withers, of Sidney, Ohio; Congressman Frank Park of Georgia; George W. Downey, Comptroller of the Treasury; Congressman W. R. Smith of Texas; Judge A. G. C. Vlerer, of Oklahoma, and Judge Patrick C. Whittle, of the Virginia Supreme Court.

The Comptroller of the Treasury Dunsmore has not made formal application for the position. Friends of Solicitor Dunsmore, of the Department of Labor, have been active in his behalf. Attorney General Gregory is expected to make a recommendation soon.

Sun and Clouds Fight Over Supremacy Here

The battle between the sun and the clouds to determine whether Washington shall be swelter or be comfortable, which has been raging during the last forty-eight hours, will continue this afternoon and tomorrow, with the clouds getting slightly the better of it, according to the weather man.

Explosion at U. S. Arsenal Kills Man

Three Others Injured, One Fatally, When Box of Shrapnel Fuses Goes Off.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 3.—One man was killed and three injured in an explosion of a box of shrapnel time fuses in the Frankford arsenal here today. Two of the injured are soldiers. James Harkens died on the way to the Frankford Hospital, where the injured were removed.

The accident occurred at the "artillery butts" testing ground for explosives. The men were engaged in testing a box of fuses. They had removed one and while attaching it to a shell it exploded, setting off the entire box. The force of the explosion threw the four men in a heap, badly cut and bruised.

LANDSLIDE WRECKS BUFFALO EXPRESS

KITTANNING, Pa., Aug. 3.—One man killed and another seriously injured early today when the Buffalo night express, on the Pennsylvania railroad, plowed into a landslide at Churchill, near here.

Will Transport Money And Securities By Mail

Beginning August 15, the Treasury will transport all money and securities between subtreasuries and banks by mail instead of express. Experiments for months indicate that a great economy might result from the abandonment of a practice extending back many years.

OWNERS OF YACHT WANT U. S. TO PAY

The Eleanor C. Run Down On the Lower Potomac By Torpedo Boat Barney.

William H. Penn, owner of the auxiliary yacht, Eleanor C., which was run down by the United States torpedo boat Barney on the lower Potomac Saturday evening, will file a claim with the Navy Department for the damage to his boat.

After the accident the Barney also had its troubles and, with the rescued party of nine aboard, narrowly escaped wreck in a storm Sunday evening.

On board the Eleanor C. were Mr. Penn, who lives at 824 Third street northwest; Mrs. Penn, Miss Ruthette Penn, Mrs. Albert Benning, Jr., Miss Eleanor Penn, Mrs. Ruthette Penn, Miss Helen Frost, Harry Baker, and George Bryant.

Mr. Penn stated today that his yacht was returning from a week's cruise on the lower river when run down. The torpedo boat was on its way to Colonial Beach with a party of District naval militiamen beside the regular crew. The Barney was steaming under forced draft and flames were issuing from her funnel. Mr. Penn thought the boat was afire and turned toward her to offer assistance. The torpedo boat sideswiped his yacht. Most of the members of the party were bruised and Miss Baker was severely cut.

Miss Ella Gardner Gets Playground Promotion

Miss Ella Gardner, director of the Mt. Pleasant playground, was appointed by the Commissioners today director in charge of girls' activities of the playgrounds department, to succeed Miss May Roper, whose resignation takes effect August 15.

FLYING COLUMN OF VILLA DESTROYED

Vera Cruz Advances Say General Obregon Captured 3,000,000 Rounds of Ammunition.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 3.—One soldier and one Texas Ranger were killed and two soldiers and two Rangers were wounded in a fight with Mexican raiders at San Benito early today, according to dispatches received here. The raiders, it is thought, may be the same ones who yesterday fired on an automobile party near here.

GALVESTON, Aug. 3.—Villa's "flying column" under General Pizarro, was completely destroyed yesterday between Tapatzo and Queretaro, following a fight at Pachucha, Vera Cruz, advances to the Carranza consul reported.

The column was caught between the detachment sent south by General Obregon and the pursuing Dieguez army. Obregon reported that he had captured 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition and an immense quantity of other supplies in a battle south of Torreón.

The above news dispatch was received here today from Galveston, but the Constitutional agency had received no confirmation of the report early this afternoon.

POSTOFFICE AUDITOR TO DROP 25 AGENTS

Temporary Operatives Will Be Dismissed Soon, Special Work Being Completed.

Twenty-five operatives holding temporary appointments, in the office of the auditor of the Post Office Department, will be dropped within the next two weeks.

This action will be taken because the work for which they were selected—that of assorting money orders—has been completed.

"There will be no dismissals from the regular force," said Auditor Gram today. "The operatives, some of whom will go August 7, while the remainder will continue on the payroll until August 15, are part of about a hundred employees who were taken on two months ago. Their appointments authorized their services to terminate not later than June 30. On that date, the temporary employees affected by this order were employed at a salary of \$30 a month."

Protest Derating of Norfolk Boilermakers

A delegation of boilermakers from the Norfolk navy yard, headed by Senator Martin, of Virginia, today filed a protest with Secretary Daniels against the derating of boilermakers employed there which resulted in pay decreases. The Secretary took the matter under consideration.

CARRANZA OR INTERVENTION ALTERNATIVES WILSON FACES

President Wishes Moral Support of Latin-America in Next Move He Will Make in Mexican Trouble.

Definite Action Expected To Be Decided Upon At Meeting of Envoys Here Thursday to Discuss Problem.

Recognition of Gen. Venustiano Carranza's government in Mexico, or armed intervention by the United States.

These, it is believed today in well-informed circles, are the extreme alternatives from which President Wilson will have to pick his future course in Mexico. Before adopting either course the President desires to sound the views of the rest of Latin-America.

On the one hand, it is stated, the President would wish to know how far, if at all, the leading republics of South and Central America would go with him in according early recognition to Carranza extending with the United States the necessary moral support.

On the other hand, it is said he wishes all Latin-America know that if the other alternative is forced upon him, if he send the army of the United States into Mexico, it would not be the purpose of territorial conquest and that the plan followed in pacification of Cuba would be strictly followed.

FOR NEW AGREEMENTS.

In the event of intervention, it is stated, the United States would seek to erect a new order of government in Mexico, free from connection with those factions which, during the last five years, have made of Mexico a shambles and a waste. Putting it conversely, say the informants of The Times, any attempt on the part of this Government to espouse the cause of a "dark horse" faction, or any faction opposed to Carranza, could have to be backed up by force of arms.

Carranza, it is known, has given representatives of the United States in Mexico plainly to understand that he will brook no armed intervention by the United States, nor would he accept a government chosen and thrust upon Mexico by the United States or any other foreign power or combinations of powers.

In short Carranza's position, and one clearly known to the United States, is this: If the United States will recognize him, he will so much the quicker restore order; if not, the United States must keep hands off.

Has Own Arms Plant.
To those who have the idea that the United States calmly throw its moral influence behind any man or set of men other than Carranza, and, by an embargo on arms and financial support, quickly bring about peace, it will be interesting to know, first, that Carranza has approximately 90,000 veteran soldiers in arms; and second, that, far from being dependent on the United States for arms, the first chief has erected at Vera Cruz a plant now turning out 18,000 cartridges a day, and being increased to a capacity of 34,000 cartridges a day.

Not many plants in the United States have a larger output. Carranza erected his factory when the outbreak of the European war made Mexico a less profitable market for the ammunition trade, with perhaps England as vice president, and Russia, and France.

Conference On Thursday.

That the Administration will lay its cards on the table at the Thursday conference between Secretary Lansing and the South and Central American diplomats is believed here.

It is possible the Administration may propose either the early recognition of Carranza, or a plan will be considered for setting up as provisional president a man like Valdez Tagle.

The Carranza agency, however, is out in a statement which indicates that the Tagle boom is not to be considered by their faction and intimating that his selection from any source would mean peace, but further trouble.

The statement of the constitutionalist agency sharply attacks Tagle and his backers and ridicules Angeles as the author of a so-called salvation plan for Mexico. "That the selection of Tagle would mean the ultimate preference would fall into the hands of Turbide," it asserts by the constitutionalists.

Nic Villa headquarters today issued a statement relative to reports that Villa had confiscated the supplies of Amer-